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Thousands turned out in Philadelphia for one of more than 800 March for Our Lives events over the weekend to demonstrate against gun violence and demand action from legislators to curb the ongoing scourge of mass shootings, inspired by the activism of students who survived the Marjory Stoneman Douglas shooting in Florida last month. Read more on pages 12-13 and at **metrophilly.us.**

TRUMP CITES CONFLICTS IN LEGAL TEAM SHAKE-UP

1 President Donald Trump will not hire two lawyers to his legal team handling the special counsel's probe despite announcing their addition last week, Trump's personal lawyer said on Sunday, adding to uncertainty about the president's legal representation in the Russia investigation. "The president is disappointed that conflicts prevent Joe diGenova and Victoria Toensing from joining the president's special counsel legal team," Jay Sekulow said in a statement. "However, those conflicts do not prevent them from assisting the president in other legal matters. The president looks forward to working with them." The announcement came nearly a week after Sekulow said diGenova would join the legal team handling Special Counsel Robert Mueller's investigation into possible collusion between the Trump campaign and Russia.

MNUCHIN: PRESIDENT NOT AFRAID OF A TRADE WAR

2 Despite threats of retaliation from China over U.S. plans to impose tariffs on up to $60 billion in Chinese goods, Treasury Secretary Steve Mnuchin on Sunday said President Donald Trump had no intention of backing down and was not worried about a trade war. "We are going to proceed with our tariffs. We're working on that," Mnuchin told "Fox News Sunday." "So, as President Trump said, we're not afraid of a trade war, but that's not our objective." Fears of a trade war between the United States and China have sent U.S. stock prices tumbling. The Dow Jones Industrial Average and the S&P 500 both lost nearly 6 percent by the end of last week. A memorandum signed by Trump last week will target up to $60 billion in Chinese goods with tariffs over what his administration says is misappropriation of U.S. intellectual property.

FIRE HITS SHOPPING CENTER IN RUSSIA

3 A large fire burned the Zimnyaya Vishnya shopping center on Prospekt Lenina Street in the Siberian city of Kemerovo on Sunday. At least 37 people were killed in the blaze, CNN reported.

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POLLS SHOW FACEBOOK LOSING USERS' TRUST

4 Opinion polls published on Sunday in the U.S. and Germany indicated that a majority of the public were losing trust in Facebook over privacy, as the firm ran advertisements in newspapers apologizing to users. Fewer than half of Americans trust Facebook to obey U.S. privacy laws, according to a Reuters/Ipsos poll released on Sunday, while a survey published by Bild am Sonntag, Germany's largest-selling Sunday paper, found 60 percent of Germans fear that Facebook and other social networks are having a negative impact on democracy. Facebook founder and chief executive Mark Zuckerberg apologized for "a breach of trust" in advertisements placed in papers including the New York Times, Washington Post and Wall Street Journal. "We have a responsibility to protect your information. If we can't, we don't deserve it," said the ad.

SOURCE: TRUMP MIGHT EXPEL RUSSIAN DIPLOMATS

5 President Donald Trump is considering the expulsion of some Russian diplomats in the United States in solidarity with Britain over the poisoning of a former Russian spy in England, a source familiar with the situation said on Sunday. The move may be contingent on how European capitals respond to the nerve agent attack, the source said. An announcement of the U.S. decision could be made as early as Monday, the source said. European Union member states agreed on Friday to take additional punitive measures against Russia for the nerve-agent attack on the former Russian spy Sergei Skripal and his daughter Yulia, who have been critical in hospital since they were found unconscious on March 4 on a bench in the city of Salisbury. White House spokesman Raj Shah said the U.S. would not provide details.

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Clockwise from center, Electric Lady organizer Sofiya Ballin with co-organizers Melissa Lam Ly, Alexis Mercado, Keturah Benson and Lara Witt. PHOBYMO

Electric Lady: 'By women of color, for women of color'

Female empowerment event series returns for second incarnation.

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Now in its second year, Philadelphia's Electric Lady Series is a week of programming centered around women empowerment, particularly for women of color. From a "Shark Tank"-style pitch contest for women entrepreneurs, to panels featuring insights from creative women and events designed to educate young men and women on rape culture, the Electric Lady Series is as informative as it is inspiring.

Organizer Sofiya Ballin, a former features reporter at the Inquirer and is known for her award-winning journalism and sharp cultural commentary, but it's her passion for empowering women of color that led her to create the Electric Lady Series.

"Empowerment is the No. 1 thing that our whole team wants people to leave with," Ballin said. "To stand in the African-American Museum of Philadelphia last year and see a majority of young women of color having access to women entrepreneurs and information they usually wouldn't have access to was important. That event showed me how important a level of access is, especially when we're talking about women of color because when we talk about entrepreneurship it can very much be a white man's club."

Ballin also wanted to open up more inclusive dialogue about other subjects, like sexuality.

"When you look at a conversation about sex positivity, most of the faces are white, so it's important that we create the spaces for women of color so that they can have access to these conversations, people and resources," she said.

In the wake of Hollywood's recent #MeToo movement against sexual abuse and harassment, Ballin believes the Electric Lady Series has an added incentive in educating people on the dangers of rape culture.

"I feel like it would be negligent to be a women empowerment series and not talk about rape culture when it's all around us and they're so many people who don't necessarily understand what's going on," says Ballin. "Here are the many ways you may be contributing to a system of rape culture, whether you're a man or woman that you don't realize. It's opening people's minds to realize that they do something to contribute to a negative environment."

As one of Ballin's colleagues in organizing the Electric Lady Series, educator Alexis Mercado is equally committed to women empowerment and wants women to recognize the power that they have.

"It's great that men recognize women are powerful, but I want women to walk away *feeling* powerful," says Mercado. "What we do is not in any way, shape or form for men. It's literally women of color doing things for women of color."

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Sofiya Ballin,
organizer of Philadelphia's
Eletric Lady Series

Mercado is also proud of the organic diversity of the Electric Lady team and how it's shaped the series' events. "We are all different women. We all have different backgrounds. Lara [Witt] is a wife, I'm a mom. Keturah [Benson] is an artist. Sofiya [Ballin] is a writer. All of us are children of immigrants, so we are very intentional about the work we do, the women we serve and that all of our panels are diverse, making sure that we are asking questions that other women want to hear."

Events will be held at various locations in Philadelphia. "Enough," a free conversation open to young adults about rape culture, will be held at 6 p.m. on March 26 at the William Way Community Center. Check @electricladyPHL on Twitter for the latest about the Electric Lady Series events.

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PSPCA: Couple hung two dogs at problematic Chesco kennel

Chesco couple charged with hanging two dogs reputedly linked to puppy mills.

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A Chester County couple were charged with hanging two dogs at a kennel that had been repeatedly inspected for various violations in recent years, state records showed.

John and Elizabeth "Betty" Stoltzfus, of Parkesburg, Pennsylvania, were charged with multiple counts of animal cruelty for allegedly hanging two female dogs at their kennel, a Bichon-type and Golden Doodle-type dog, and then burning the bodies, the PSPCA announced on Friday. Both dogs had brucellosis, a bacterial infection.

"This case is especially heinous as it alleges the intentional torture of these two animals through hanging, which is a slow and painful way to die," PSPCA Director of Humane Law Enforcement Nicole Wilson said in a statement. "It is our hope that these defendants are convicted and face the harshest penalties available."

According to state Department of Agriculture Bureau of Dog Law kennel records, Betty Stoltzfus admitted hanging the dogs during an inspection in August 2017, at a time when the kennel had 11 dogs and 34 puppies on site.

"Two dogs previously on the premises were no longer there," the report stated. "The kennel owner stated that her husband took care of the dogs via hanging."

The case was immediately referred to the PSPCA's Humane Law Enforcement, the report states. Euthanasia is illegal unless first cleared by a veterinarian. The kennel was also quarantined for canine brucellosis, which can be a serious and contagious illness but is treatable.

"My understanding is they had made the decision not to take these dog to the vet because they wanted to go to a family event, instead of leaving the dogs in the kennel and waiting to go through the euthanasia process," Wilson told Metro. "It was clear when I looked at the recent kennel records attached to this location that there were issues with an ongoing inability to come into compliance with current dog law."

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PSPCA Director of Humane Law Enforcement Nicole Wilson

The double hanging allegedly occurred in early August 2017, just weeks before Libre's Law took effect in Pennsylvania, which would have made these alleged incidents chargeable as felonies, the PSPCA said.

The couple waived their preliminary hearing, and will be arraigned on the charges on April 18.

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What is a trade war, and what does it mean for your money?

Fast facts about President Trump's threatened trade war with China and other countries.

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Economists and politicians are speculating about the possibility of a trade war under President Trump, after he levied tariffs against imported steel and aluminum from China earlier this month, then slapped $50 billion of additional tariffs against the country for intellectual property theft on Friday.

It is generally agreed that China engages in unfair trade practices with the United States, such as selling their products at a loss to undercut American companies and copying designs of American products manufactured in partnership with Chinese companies. "When it comes to the global economic order, China is in fact a bad citizen," wrote economist Paul Krugman in The New York Times. "In particular, it plays fast and loose on intellectual property, in effect ripping off technologies and ideas developed elsewhere. It also subsidizes some industries, including steel, contributing to world excess capacity."

Trump exempted Europe, Mexico and Canada from the steel and aluminum tariffs, skirting a trade war with those countries. But those exemptions expire on May 1.

What is a trade war?

A trade war is a conflict between countries on the subject of tariffs. The most common scenario: Two countries levy tariffs or other trade barriers against each other in retribution for what they perceive to be unfair trade practices.

What would a trade war mean for your money?

In the case of China, a massive number of products are either manufactured there or built there from parts originating in other countries. (In fact, the country is known as the "great assembler.") Americans enjoy low prices on a wide spectrum of goods because they're cheaper to manufacture in China. As the rise of Amazon.com has shown, Americans have come to rely on buying tons of cheap stuff online. A trade war would cause the prices of those goods to rise. Amazon aside, iPhones are a prominent product made in China.

"Actually, trade wars are rarely good, and not at all easy to win — especially if you have no idea what you're doing."
Paul Krugman

Contrary to President Trump's assertions that trade wars are "good and easy to win," economists say that is not the case. "Actually, trade wars are rarely good, and not at all easy to win — especially if you have no idea what you're doing. And boy, do these people not know what they're doing," wrote Krugman in the Times. "The truth is that trade wars are bad, and almost everyone ends up losing economically. If anyone 'wins,' it will be nations that gain geopolitical influence because America is squandering its own reputation."

$50 BILLION

Amount in additional tariffs that President Trump levied against China on Friday. This came after he announced he would levy tariffs against steel and aluminum imports from the country.

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Analysis

Suddenly, the most volatile president in American history is spinning even more wildly out of control, hell-bent on ripping the handcuffs off and turning up the Trumpitude to 11.

And you probably thought he was at full blast already. Just wait. Just wait.

We've arrived at a deeply unsettling moment, call it "Stormy Monday," and not only because of the disturbing peek we just got into the president's profoundly icky romantic life. The barometric pressure is dropping precipitously. A category-5 something is clearly blowing in.

Secretary of State Rex Tillerson is out the door. So is John Dowd, Donald Trump's lead defender in Robert Mueller's Russian collusion probe. Tillerson and Dowd were what passed for voices of reason in this crowd. And look who's now breezing in. The new arrivals include John Bolton, whose face appears next to "war monger" on the Wiki-zealots site, and conspiracy-spinning TV pundit Joe diGenova, whose main contribution to the legal discussion so far is the groundless claim that Trump is being framed by the Justice Department and the FBI.

Wait. Scratch diGenova.

Citing an unnamed conflict — what could it possibly be, a booking call from Alex Jones' "InfoWars"? — diGenova's just announced he won't be joining the White House Council on Sliming Mueller, after all.

Finding competent legal help could become increasingly difficult for the increasingly cornered president. Last week, well-respected Republican lawyer Ted Olson turned down an opportunity to join Team Trump. What competent lawyer would?

In a tweet on Sunday, Trump insisted he has his pick of the bar. "Many lawyers and top law firms want to represent me in the Russia case," he typed, though if he could name a single lawyer, he chose not to.

Thankfully, there are still a few semi-sane people in the Cabinet and the West Wing. Trump is having lunch on Wednesday with Defense Secretary James Mattis, who's made no secret of his disdain for Bolton's rapid hawkishness.

If Mattis values his future, he might consider bringing a soup-taster along.

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Lawmakers say US gun control movement pushing Congress to act

To win significant changes, lawmakers said the young gun control advocates need to maintain their drive in the face of powerful pro-gun lobbying by the NRA. GETTY IMAGES

The youth-led U.S. gun control movement that flexed its public muscle with huge weekend rallies has already nudged Congress to enact minor firearms changes, but must remain active if it hopes to win more meaningful regulations, lawmakers said on Sunday.

The movement that erupted after the Feb. 14 mass shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida, has generated a national conversation about gun rights and has chipped away at legislative gridlock on the issue, they said.

"The activism of these young people is actually changing the equation," Sen. Tim Kaine, a Virginia Democrat, said a day after hundreds of thousands of protesters rallied in Washington.

"The activism of these young people is actually changing the equation."
Sen. Tim Kaine

Tucked into a $1.3 trillion spending bill Congress passed last week were modest improvements to background checks for gun sales and an end to a ban on the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention studying the causes of gun violence.

"These are two things we could not have done in the past," Kaine said on CNN's "State of the Union" program. "But the active engagement by young people convinced Congress we better do something."

The spending bill, which President Donald Trump signed on Friday, also includes grants to help schools prevent gun violence.

The Trump administration also took a step on Friday to ban the sale of bump stocks — devices that enable semi-automatic weapons to fire like machine guns — that helped gunman Stephen Paddock massacre 58 people in Las Vegas in October.

A key focus of Saturday's march on Washington, which was duplicated in 800 cities across the country and around the world, was an effort to turn emotion into political activism by registering participants to vote.

Gun control advocates have called for universal background checks on people buying guns, bans on assault-style rifles such as the one used to kill 17 students and staff in Parkland, and large-capacity ammunition magazines.

Sen. Mark Warner, another Virginia Democrat, declared in the wake of the student-led movement that he would now support bans on such rifles and magazines, which he had voted against in recent years.

"I think it's time to change our positions and re-examine them," Warner said on the CBS News "Face the Nation" program.

"I think this time it's going different," Warner said. "I think we can actually get it done."

To win significant changes, lawmakers said the young gun control advocates need to maintain their drive in the face of powerful pro-gun lobbying by the National Rifle Association and those who see gun ownership as a right protected by the U.S. Constitution.

"If they don't keep it up, those that want no change will just sit on their hands," Ohio Gov. John Kasich, a Republican who formerly served in Congress, said on CNN.

Two Republican senators, Marco Rubio of Florida and Joni Ernst of Iowa, said over the weekend that while they supported gun control advocates' right to protest, they opposed infringing on the constitutional right to bear arms. REUTERS

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Philly's March for Our Lives attracts thousands

Massive turnout in Philly over the weekend as protests also take place nationwide.

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Thousands turned out in Philadelphia, where one of the more than 800 March for Our Lives events was held over the weekend to demonstrate against gun violence and demand action from legislators to curb the ongoing scourge of mass shootings.

Inspired by the activism of students who survived the Marjory Stoneman Douglas shooting in Florida last month and organized a massive rally in Washington, D.C., activists marched from Independence Park to Lombard Circle.

"I am so inspired by all of the young people who have refused to accept gun violence as a new normal," mayor Jim Kenney said in a statement. "We will keep fighting so that one day, we won't have to march for our lives."

Sen. Bob Casey also joined the march.

"My thanks to all those who marched across Pennsylvania, our nation and the world," Casey said in a statement. "We cannot surrender to gun violence."

Pennsylvania Attorney General Josh Shapiro spoke to the crowd with his high school-age son and daughter by his side.

"We can protect rights and save lives," Shapiro said. "The time for action is now."

The Philly March for Our Lives was organized by students in the area.

Organizer Ethan Block, 16, a student at Hopewell Valley Central High School in New Jersey, said the Parkland shooting was a turning point from feelings of powerlessness after past shootings to inspiring young people to get involved politically.

"I just couldn't really believe what I was seeing, even from a young age, I knew what I was seeing was wrong, that the fact our representatives weren't taking action was wrong," Block told Metro. "The Parkland kids said, 'This isn't just another school shooting. We're going to make our voices heard and advocate for change.' That was really inspiring to me."

"We cannot surrender to gun violence."
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Philly's march was one of more than 800 nationwide. ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

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This MIT robot can explore the ocean by swimming like a fish

Researchers at MIT's Computer Science and Artificial Intelligence Laboratory created a soft robot that swims like a fish to get pictures and video of marine life.

SoFi the robotic fish is seen here swimming on a test dive. SoFi has reached depths of more than 50 feet in test dives. ALL IMAGES PROVIDED BY MIT CSAIL

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The ocean covers more than 70 percent of our planet, and yet we've only seen a small fraction of these waters and all the marine life within them.

But what if we could explore the ocean through the eyes of a fish? Thanks to MIT computer scientists, that's now a possibility.

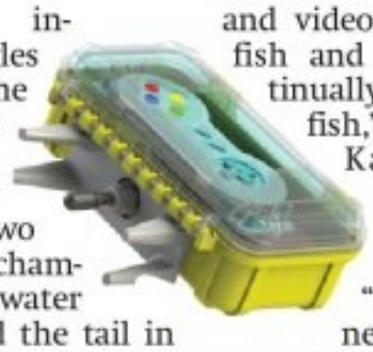
Researchers at MIT's Computer Science and Artificial Intelligence Laboratory unveiled on Wednesday a robotic fish, dubbed SoFi, that can swim right alongside real fish and take high-resolution photos and videos.

SoFi is a soft robot, meaning it's made of flexible materials, unlike rigid robots that are difficult to make waterproof, can crash into things or make loud noises when they move.

"We were excited to try to make a soft robot that could move in a way that mimics real fish, so it could observe marine life without disturbing them," said Joseph DelPreto, a Ph.D. student at MIT and one of the authors of the paper on SoFi published Wednesday.

Other underwater robots often use propellers or jet streams to move around, which make noise and bother marine life.

SoFi instead wiggles through the water just like a fish. A small motor fills two balloon-like chambers with water so they bend the tail in alternate motions, causing it to wave back and forth.



"We want to try to help people understand how the ocean environment behaves when [marine life] aren't disturbed by humans," DelPreto added, "so people can see the natural habitats."

The robot, which is about 18 inches in length and around 3.5 pounds, can also control its own buoyancy. An underwater remote fashioned out of a Nintendo controller lets divers control its direction, but the next step is to program SoFi to identify and follow fish all on its own.

"With improvements on its own fish AI, you might say, we will be able to use the camera and video to identify a fish and then to continually track the fish," said Robert Katzschmann, also a Ph.D. student and study author. "The very clear next step is to take this system and do some tracking for studies, to allow biologists to say, 'Follow this fish around and observe it.'"

SoFi can also swim among coral reefs or through narrow passages humans and bulky equipment can't get into. SoFi has already been on test dives in which it swam 40 minutes, reaching depths of more than 50 feet. To the researchers, this is just the beginning.

"We imagine having more of these robots in the ocean," DelPreto said, "making a swarm of robot fish to monitor more of the environment and get more information on how marine life behaves."

"Gail Getty trusted her instincts"
HILARY SWANK

The Oscar-winning actress returns to television to play Gail Getty – of the billionaire Getty family – in the drama series "Trust," directed by filmmaker Danny Boyle.

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"Trust," the FX series that premiered yesterday, recounts the kidnapping of John Paul Getty III for a multimillion-dollar ransom in Rome. Directed by Oscar-winner Danny Boyle and with a cast comprised of Donald Sutherland, Hilary Swank, Harris Dickinson, Michael Esper and Brendan Fraser, the series traces what the John Paul Getty experienced at hands of his kidnappers, who can't understand why no one wants to recover their captive. While Italian police believe that it's a prank and refuse to investigate, the father finds himself absorbed in his heroin addiction and refuses to answer the phone. For his part, the grandfather, possibly the richest man in the world, is very busy locked in his mansion in the English countryside, surrounded by five lovers and a pet lion. The only one left is the mother, who must negotiate with increasingly desperate kidnappers. And the problem? She's broke. Metro chatted with Hilary Swank, actress known for her roles in "Boys Don't Cry," "Million Dollar Baby" and "P. S. I Love You," about her take on the decisions made by her character, Gail Getty, the anguished mother of the young hostage.

What was it like working with Danny Boyle?

It was absolutely extraordinary. He is a director I admire a lot. His work has inspired me in my career, so when he called me to ask me if I wanted to be part of this project, honestly, I did not even have to read what it was about. I've wanted to collaborate with him for a long time, so having that opportunity for me, as an actress, was a dream come true.

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Your character, Gail, suffers a lot of anguish and stress. How did you prepare to play her?

I struggled to understand what Gail Getty really lived, what she felt throughout the experience of her son's kidnapping and not knowing if the next day he would still be alive, and the nightmare that it must have been for her. I don't know if there's something worse for a person than to experience the possibility, or the sure loss, of their child.

The Getty family story is also told in the film "All the Money in the World," which received lots of award nominations this year. In that movie, your character is played by Michelle Williams. Are you afraid that your interpretations will be compared?

No, not at all. I always thought it was a good sign that more than one person wanted to tell this story. In both productions, the directors involved are great and they know what the audience wants. I'm an admirer of Michelle's work, and I feel that I'm in great company when interpreting the same role as her — obviously, for a different media source. What's recounted in the film is not the same as the series. So, I love the idea.

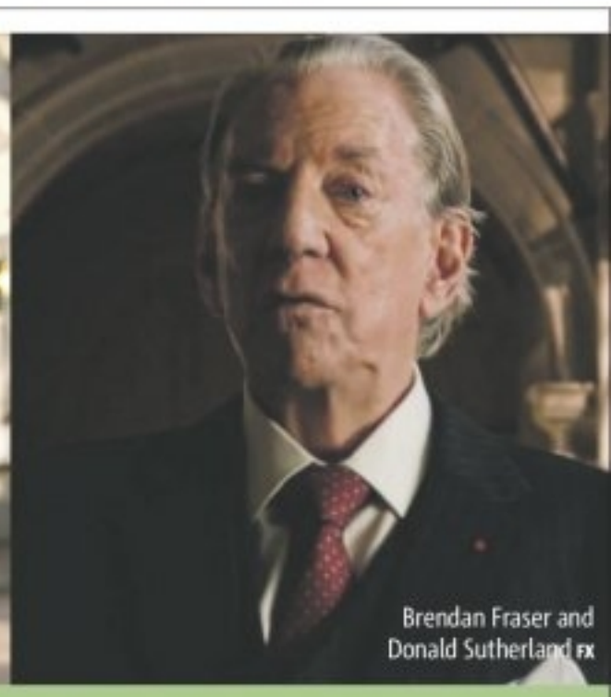
Actress Hilary Swank plays Gail Getty in the series "Trust." FX

How do you feel about returning to television after 20 years of being in the film industry, and that the director of the series is also going through the same process?

There are many people in the film industry who now also work in TV — with so many interesting stories being told on television. Films are taking fewer and fewer risks, compared to previous times. I feel that many great stories are being presented on the small screen because the platforms are taking those risks. Also, doing television today is very different. The current crossover of film-to-television isn't only with actors, but also directors, producers and writers, so that gives a lot of weight to the industry.

If you could give advice to the real Gail Getty, what would it be?

I would not advise her to do anything different than what she decided because, in the end, Gail Getty trusted her instincts. It took her a while to realize that she herself had to do many things because her family wouldn't support her as she expected; I find that inspiring and it reminds me to live that way always.


Brendan Fraser and Donald Sutherland FX

"Trust"

Director: Danny Boyle (3 episodes)
Stars: Hilary Swank, Michael Esper, Brendan Fraser, Donald Sutherland

"Trust" is "Downton Abbey" on acid, and a reminder that money doesn't make the world go 'round.
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Street food with philosophy

We spend a night with Manhattan's freegans to see what "dumpster diving" is really like — and discover how wasteful we are.

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Janet, a retired teacher in New York, leads twice-monthly freegan tours of Manhattan. ALL PHOTOS EVA KIS

Not many rich people spend a freezing night digging through the trash bags lining New York City's sidewalks.

But that's the bombshell dropped by Janet, one of the leaders in the city's freegan community who salvage still-edible food that has been thrown out with the trash by businesses.

"I totally choose to do this," she says. "I can buy anything I want. But that does not mean I should choose to spend it on wasteful, destructive products."

Metro accompanied her and five other freegans on one of their twice-monthly group "freegan tours," which will be featured on the new series Food Exposed premiering March 27 on Fusion. The eight-part documentary will explore food-related issues like overfishing, dairy farming and GMOs, but it all begins with a look at the colossal scale of food waste happening every day. In the U.S., 40 percent of edible food is wasted while nearly 50 million Americans live in poverty.

"By the end of the night, I'll feel so uuuugh," says host Nelufar Hedayat, mimicking something between a headache and nausea. "When you touch the bread and it's still warm — it's just too much."

What we found

Most households don't throw away food unless it's beginning to liquefy at the bottom of the crisper — or, at least, that's how it goes in my apartment. But the rules are different for businesses. The item could simply be past its optimal freshness, approaching but not yet past its sell-by date or simply considered too ugly to sell, as is the fate of many fruits and vegetables.

So what's in the trash bags that line Manhattan's Second Avenue sidewalks — the lack of alleyways makes the city's refuse more accessible than most — is often not garbage.

Our first stop is a drug store chain whose unsold ready-made sandwiches and salads can reliably be found on the sidewalk, just feet from the refrigerated cases where they sat just hours, or even moments before. Tonight though, the group came up empty. At 9:55 p.m., they agree it was probably too early.

Next is a pet store that can be found all over the country, where the group makes its biggest find of the night: large bags of brand-name dog and cat food, including a $47 bag of organic, non-GMO Blue Buffalo. None of them are expired — the closest was 12 days out, and especially for dry goods expiration dates don't mean they become inedible. "Donating it would be a tax write-off," Janet also points out. At least her two cats will eat well tonight.

The third stop, a small grocery chain, is the first glimpse of true food waste. Rotisserie chickens that are still warm; unripe bananas that have been bruised, paradoxically left in a limbo where they're both before their peak

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and past it; bell peppers more gorgeous than what can be found on market shelves in Brooklyn. "So much food," a woman dressed for a night out laments as she walks past.

A large independent cafe has a lot of trash, but only its bagels — soft and plump, in every variety — are salvageable. Next door, a small health food store has discarded individual bags of plantain chips that retail for $3 each, days from expiration. The bags have been slashed open slightly, a common practice to prevent reselling. Some in the group are deterred, but not all. The jackpot is wrapped packages of lavender essence, just past their sell-by date; there's enough for everyone to take one.

The night's final stop — freegan food tours wind down not because they run out of garbage to search, but hands and bags to carry it all — is an Amish market, with rice crackers for babies, perfect ears of corn and bottled sauces.

We also encounter the first employee who might object, but before he can even say anything, Janet calls out "no mess," and he heads back inside. It's her go-to line for heading off conflict, she says (the police don't bother her). "That's what most of them are worried about, and then getting a $100 fine for littering.

If a bag is too heavy or too light, it's probably not worth the trouble.

"I think most of the employees feel bad. Look, they put these bagels in a bag by themselves, not in with other trash."

The philosophy of free

Her teacher's pension — as well as not having had children and being frugal all her life — gives Janet the ultimate freedom: to live as she chooses. Being a freegan has given her a certain spiritual wealth, too.

Noticing the casual waste all around you makes the freegan life feel like any other act you'd do to help the world. Janet says people often find her group's website, freegan.info, while reading about environmental issues. Anyone who's interested — whether or not they intend to take something home — can come on their tours.

Some people live this way out of necessity. But there are many like Janet, who do it because of a philosophy that rejects what she sees as simple corporate greed.

"We're hoping that people can stop being slaves to the corporations that insist you need to have the latest new thing," she says.

"I feel comfortable wearing used things. The money is what makes me uncomfortable, actually."

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Chucho Valdés Trio
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The Annenberg Center's Cuba Festival runs through April 13.

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When the Annenberg Center's new artistic director Chris Gruits started his programing reign a year and a half ago, his focus went beyond Philadelphia premieres, debuting new artists and returning icons such as resident choreographer Mark Morris.

"I believe we're filling an important gap in the arts market in the city through our focus on contemporary, world class artistry," said Gruits.

One world that was of interest to Gruits was Cuba, and hence the Annenberg's Cuba Festival was born as an event that would showcase music and dance in both its traditional forms and modern iterations.

"I knew there was a great range of artistry there, as well as here, with many Cuban-Americans in the U.S., and that scene was not being presented in Philadelphia," said Gruits. "We're presenting a mix of established artists, like Chucho Valdes, with the next wave of artists — Alfredo Rodriguez, for example. Chucho is the elder statesman for Cuban music and Alfredo represents the next generation of jazz coming out of a strong Cuban tradition, but with a very new and different twist."

Then there is hand percussionist Pedrito Martinez and the Pedrito Martinez Group – an adventure in movement and music all in itself. "If you've ever seen Pedrito, you'll know that his performances are electric — so full of energy. Audiences will literally be dancing in the aisles."

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Daymé Arocena
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ligiosity that is Daymé Arocena ("Billboard named her one of the artists we should be listening to today," said Gruits), futurist-forward visions of contemporary Cuban dance can be found in the work of DanzAbierta who makes its Philadelphia debut performing the the full-length work, "Malson."

This melancholy love letter to Havana is backed by virtual film screens filled with streetscape imagery and the sounds of renowned Afro-fusion composer X Alfonso.

"We are interested in reflecting our reality and investigating cultural memories at the top of the process of the choreographic creation — but from the present, using tradition and contemporaneity," said DanzAbierta's Susana Pous. "We like to show the dancers as human beings, not like gods on stage away from the audience."

Question how the multimedia "Malson" fits into the team's overall aesthetic vision and Pous believes that the virtual reality displayed in its staging is a reflection of the taste and habit of young people in Havana. "Waiting, dreaming, living: Our city is a place where the old and the new are completely mixed."

The same could be said for the Philadelphia musicians of Conjunto, who'll play the fine arts of Son, Chá-Chá-Chá and Bolero while paying homage to Cuba's deep and treasured musical history.

"Keeping this music alive is essential to the preservation of not just the musicians who came before us, but also the musical traditions and culture of Cuba," said Jeff Torchon, Conjunto's Musical Director. "Ultimately, we want to use music as a community builder showing that we are all more alike than different and tracing the roots of music from the United States to Cuba and beyond."

Torchon goes on to describe one of the greatest honors that his band has ever received.

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Millennials and money — here's what they're doing *wrong*

NerdWallet is a personal finance website.

The generation that's coming into their own right now gets a bad rap when it comes to finances. But that's not entirely deserved.

A number of studies indicate millennials are generally doing a great job stashing money away for the future. But some of those studies also show that they're wary about investing those savings in the stock market.

This could hurt them in the long run. Investing in the stock market is a powerful way to grow your money for your long-term goals — more on that below. But first, the good news.

Millennials are, indeed, saving

Although organizations vary in how they define the millennial generation, it broadly encompasses those born in the 1980s and 1990s. Looking at several studies paints a picture of their general habits:

- **71%** of millennial workers are saving for retirement, either in a workplace plan or outside of work, and the median age at which they started saving was 24, younger than Generation X's median starting age of 30, according to a Harris Poll conducted for the Transamerica Center for Retirement Studies.

You might be surprised to learn that millennials are saving more than the generation behind them. ALL PHOTOS ISTOCK

- **39%** of millennials are defined in Transamerica's survey as "super savers" — they're saving more than 10% of their salary. That's close to the **15%** experts often recommend.
- Millennials are on track to replace **78%** of their estimated retirement expenses, according to a 2018 Fidelity survey. That's a healthy rate!
- **About one in six** millennials have saved $100,000 or more, according to Bank of America's Better Money Habits survey.

But investing has millennials a little spooked

Here's the bad news:

- **42%** of millennials are investing conservatively, compared with **38%** of Generation X investors and **23%** of baby boomers, according to the Fidelity survey.
- Millennials held **25%** of their investments in cash, compared to **19%** of investors overall, according to a Charles Schwab & Co. study of client data.
- **20%** of millennials say their retirement money is invested mostly in bonds, money market funds, cash or other stable investments, compared with 15% each for older generations, according to Transamerica.
- **66%** of people aged 18 to 29 (and **65%** of those 30 to 39) say investing in the stock market is scary or intimidating, compared with **58%** of those aged 40 to 54 and **57%** of those 55 and older, according to an Ally Financial survey.

So, what's the problem?

It's no surprise that investors who came of age during the 2008-09 financial crisis would hesitate to embrace the stock market — the S&P 500 lost about **57%** of its value between October 2007 and March 2009, when the oldest millennials were in their late 20s.

The problem is, some millennials may be putting their retirement security at risk by shying away from stocks now. Consider that the S&P 500 averaged a **7.92%** return from January 2007 through December 2017, adjusted for inflation and with dividends reinvested — and that time period includes the financial crisis. By comparison, the average annual return for money market bank accounts hasn't topped **0.3%** in the past eight years.

Of course, it's difficult to generalize across a generation that includes about 71 million people (that figure is according to Pew Research Center, which defines millennials as those born from 1981 to 1996). Plenty of millennials are making smart financial decisions, says Meir Statman, professor of finance at Santa Clara University and author of "Finance for Normal People."

"On the one hand, you have really great awareness on the part of millennials of the need to save for retirement," Statman says. But, he adds, many people "are still scarred by the financial crisis."

Put risk in perspective

For people nervous about investing, the key is to put stock-market risk in perspective, Statman says.

"The risk of the stock market is not the biggest risk in life," Statman says. Every time you make a decision — whether it's your career choice, whom you're going to marry, where you're going to live — that decision entails risk, he says. Maybe your chosen profession will become obsolete, or you'll choose a partner who isn't right for you.

"Taking risk is not a luxury; it's a necessity," Statman says. "If you look at risk in the overall context of life, you see that we take risk not because we like risk, but because we have aspirations. Aspirations are the engine, the driver of the train, and risk is really one of the cars of the train."

The takeaway from these learnings? Don't be afraid to gamble on a bright future. ANDREA COOMBES

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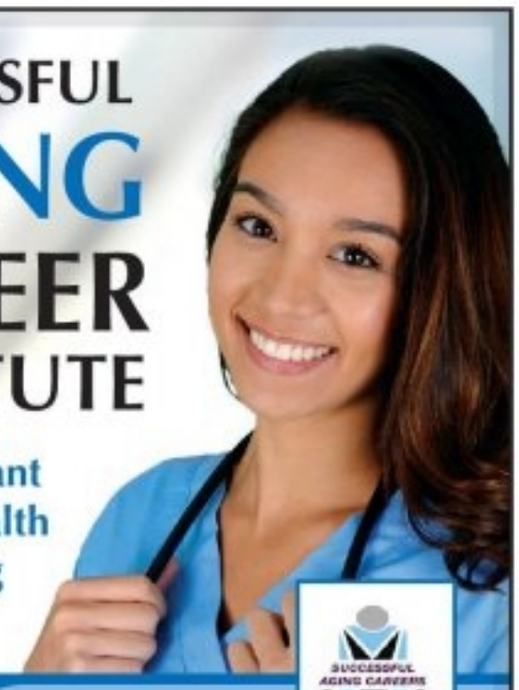

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Villanova punches its second Final Four ticket in three seasons

The Wildcats made short work of Texas Tech in the Elite Eight Sunday.

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The Wildcats will be at the center of the basketball world next weekend in San Antonio for the Final Four. GETTY IMAGES

In a city that was once starved for champions, it's becoming routine.

But for the second time in three seasons, after a 71-59 victory over the No. 3 Texas Tech Red Raiders, Villanova is Final Four bound.

The Wildcats win the East Regional looking different than their usual best in the country offense makes them look. Tight defense and attacking (20 offensive rebounds on just 33.3 percent shooting) the boards created a scrappy game, but Villanova came out on top and will vie for a National title next week.

In the wire-to-wire victory, Eric Paschall was a beast on the boards, covering up 14 rebounds while adding points to help lead the Cats. Freshman Omari Spellman also made an impact, scoring 11 points and blocking three key shots. Jalen Brunson's 15 points led all scorers.

A 16.7 percent clip from long range didn't help things, but the Wildcats found a way to score when they needed to, fending off several comeback efforts from Texas Tech (which chipped a double-digit lead to just five at the 5:35 mark).

But by the time things came down to free throws, Nova was in the drivers seat building their lead back to double digits and hanging on for the 'W' by missing just one second half shot from the charity stripe.

Back in the first half after a slow start, Nova jumped to a six-point lead after the eight minute time out — with the Red Raiders already in foul trouble as the Wildcats hustled for early loose balls and fast break opportunities.

Suffocating defense held Texas Tech field goal-less toward the end of the first half, as 19 free throws in the first 20 minutes certainly helped Villanova.

The 17th came on a fastbreak sprint, layup and one by Donte DiVincenzo (who led the Nova bench with 12 points) to solidify the 36-23 lead after the first horn.

There is no hard and fast rule that veteran experience beats freshman talent. There have been great one-and-done teams in the NCAA tournament, most recently and notably he 2015 Duke Blue Devils, led by Jahlil Okafor, Justice Winslow and others. But there does seem to be an extreme advantage for teams that know what they're doing under college basketball's biggest spotlight.

Resembling a very similar squad to their 2016 national championship regime, the 2018 Wildcats have the perfect make-up for a title run — with All-American talent in Brunson and Mikal Bridges leading the way. But both are juniors, and both have been immersed in a winning culture for a relatively long time.

They will lead Villanova next week, when the Final Four tips off in San Antonio on Saturday, March 31. Their opponent will be the winner of the Duke-Kansas matchup held later Sunday afternoon.

On the other side of things, Cinderella No. 11 Loyola-Chicago and No. 3 Michigan will duel to become Villanova's potential opponent in the national championship game, held a week from Monday.

Villanova's Final Four appearances

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1985
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2009

2016
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The Sixers still have a chance at winning 50 games, and the No. 3 overall seed in the East. GETTY IMAGES

From tank job to playoff bound: the 76ers unique journey continues on

The Sixers could have home court advantage in the first round of the playoffs.

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Rewind to the 2014 NBA Draft.

If Joel Embiid doesn't have medical questions, the 76ers simply don't select him with the No. 3 overall pick. Had Embiid been healthy, he would have been the overwhelming No. 1 choice. No question.

The Sixers needed some luck and they got it which allowed Embiid to drop to them at No. 3.

Of course, the Sixers had to endure two lost seasons with a pair of surgeries. Then came last season with more question marks about his health in playing just 31 games.

Three seasons and 31 games didn't exactly equate into an All-Star.

It was understandable why so many people were skeptical of Embiid's ability to remain on the court and use his immense talent to lead this team.

Even early this season when Embiid missed games, most notably on the second leg of back-to-backs, the skepticism was rampant again. Slowly, the 7-foot-2 center has proven his durability and his leadership skills at the young age of 24. He's playing in some back-to-back situations. He's leading. He's thriving.

At times, Embiid has looked tired. That's normal for a kid who is playing more basketball in one season than he ever has before.

The Sixers are 42-30, and if things hold, they will hold homecourt status in the first round of the playoffs.

Ben Simmons is in line for Rookie of the Year. Dario Saric has been terrific. J.J. Redick is knocking down 3-pointers. T.J. McConnell is providing grit off the bench. Marco Belinelli and Ersan Ilyasova are excellent role players.

Embiid is the franchise cornerstone.

Championships down the line will be possible if Embiid is leading the charge.

For now, it's about consistency.

"You stay in shape," Embiid said of finding that consistency. "When I miss a day or two and I don't really do anything I get out of shape really quick. So being consistent about playing and not missing two or three days I know my body, I've learned my body for the past three years. I know my body and I feel like that's how it works. I want to keep going. Honestly, I've been feeling really good, I haven't been tired so I just got to keep it going."

Embiid has already played in 60 games while averaging a double-double. He's shooting 3-pointers, rebounding, passing well and running the court beautifully for a player of his immense size.

Even if it is painful for some fans to watch him throw his body all over the court, the hustle is contagious.

The playoffs are coming at a quicker pace than many expected.

Four lost seasons and 75 total wins were difficult to stomach. The Sixers were fortunate to land Embiid in '14. The luck is being turned into a playoff run. Finally.

Thanks in large part to Embiid.

Get ready, South Philadelphia: Playoff basketball is on the way.

Pederson says no good offers for Eagles QB Foles

It appears as though the Eagles will start 2018 with the same three quarterbacks on the roster they had for 2017: Carson Wentz, Nick Foles and Nate Sudfeld. IMAGES

When the Eagles traded Nick Foles away — to the Cardinals for Sam Bradford back in 2015 — no one ever thought he would be the hottest topic of conversation on Philly sports talk radio.

And even fewer, obviously, ever thought he would be the Super Bowl MVP for the Eagles first Super Bowl championship team.

But he was. And he is.

Foles is currently the No. 2 quarterback on the Eagles depth chart, where he started the 2017 campaign. But that is one of the only things that hasn't changed for Foles.

With Carson Wentz — an NFL MVP candidate a year ago before a devastating knee injury — rehabbing from a torn ACL and is eyeing a return for Week 1, Foles should be a hot commodity on the trade market, shouldn't he? Eagles head coach Doug Pederson says there have been no appealing offers for Foles.

"We did not," Pederson said when asked if they got any interesting offers, via NFL.com. "Nothing too crazy. It had to be the right deal for us to do that. But there wasn't anything coming down our way for Nick."

It was rumored that the Eagles want a king's ransom for Foles, something near the first- and fourth-round picks they got for Bradford when he was traded to the Vikings two seasons ago. The right deal would have to be something that knocked the Eagles socks off. Otherwise, keeping the biggest Philly legend in decades as an insurance policy for Wentz as he works his way back is a priority for Foles.

"He's totally fine being that mentor, sort of in that backup role, helping Carson along the way," Pederson continued. "That's who Nick is. That's who he is. And when called upon, he's going to perform, but he understands this is Carson's team and he's going to support him every way he can."

Foles has one year left on his current contract, and his Super Bowl MVP performance could price him out of the Eagles long-term future. Many of the top potential trade partners for Foles are off the board now, with others jockeying for position in the top of the 2018 NFL Draft order — a draft with some quality quarterback options. It seems as though any move for Foles would come just as the Bradford trade did: an emergency move of desperation.

Expect Foles to be taking reps alongside Wentz (if healthy) come training camp in August. And expect Howie Roseman to shuffle him away to a contending team in need sometime this fall.

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III. Persons wishing to file written comments may forward them to the Director of Capital Budget and Grant Development, 9th Floor, 1234 Market Street, Philadelphia, PA 19107-3780. Comments must be received by May 1, 2018, so that they may be forwarded to the Hearing Examiner. Comments may also be sent via email to **capbudget@septa.org**.

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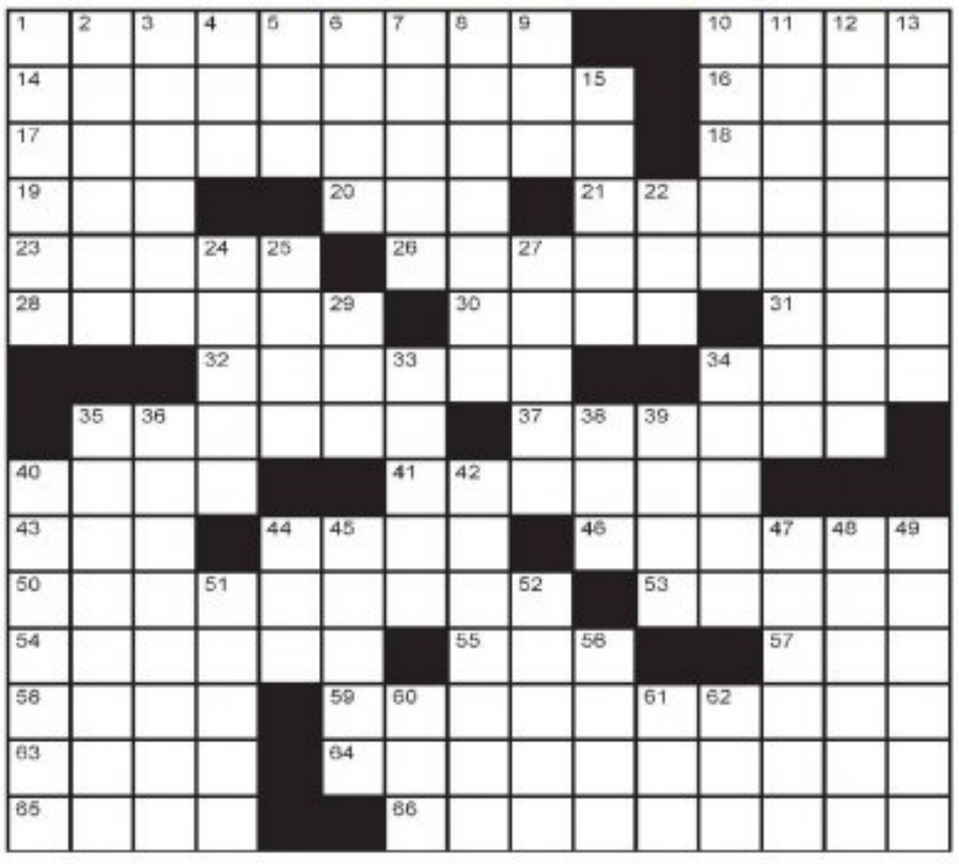

Across

1 One whose music has a certain ring to it?
10 Prepare for the holidays
14 You can puzzle your way out of one
16 Bubble tea flavoring
17 Breakthroughs
18 Islamabad language
19 Dictionary tag for "cutey" (Abbr.)
20 Healthy bagel morsel
21 Supper, in kidspeak
23 Build
26 Where you might shell out for shells
28 "Me time" outing
30 Makeout ___ (long smooch)
31 ___ kwon do
32 Former German currency, briefly
34 Frantic way to run
35 "I gotta run, babe!"
37 Monastery heads
40 Fix permanently
41 Gray of literature
43 "That's not all"
44 Frantic way to run
46 Plots not studied in English class
50 Disaster movie outbreak
53 U.S. army post named after a Confederate gen.
54 The Big ___ (early rock nickname)
55 Fish-fowl connector
57 Sick
58 "Would ___?"
59 Drove to prom, say
63 Christmas list heading?
64 Slangy turndown to a suggestion
65 Linear, for short
66 Lady Gaga's "Born This Way," for one

Down

1 Some hair extensions
2 F in music class?
3 Arlington, Bethesda, etc.
4 Hydropower source
5 Debut in the WSJ
6 "Finding Dory" role
7 Positive answer to "How have you been?"
8 Negative answer to "How have you been?"
9 Scribble (down)
10 Feat on a bike
11 Putting in work
12 First, second, and third, e.g.
13 Hit hard
15 Classic PC system
22 "Kinda sorta"
24 Data storage combo
25 Opposite of edgy
27 "___ Chavez" (2014 civil rights biopic)
29 "I'm so happy!"
33 Heaviest noble gas
34 Was successful in
35 "Chocolat" actress
36 "The Man Your Man Could Smell Like" brand
38 With 44-Down, oaf
39 "Disgusting!"
40 New York crime family
42 Japanese island where "The Karate Kid Part II" is set
44 See 38-Down
45 Women's History Month
47 Pillar's base
48 Moon of Saturn that's a French girl's name
49 Rarely
51 Crossword tournament asset
52 Pharmacy amount?
56 Singer McEntire
60 Spend endless time in
61 Ginny Weasley's brother
62 Terse response to "Where are you going?"

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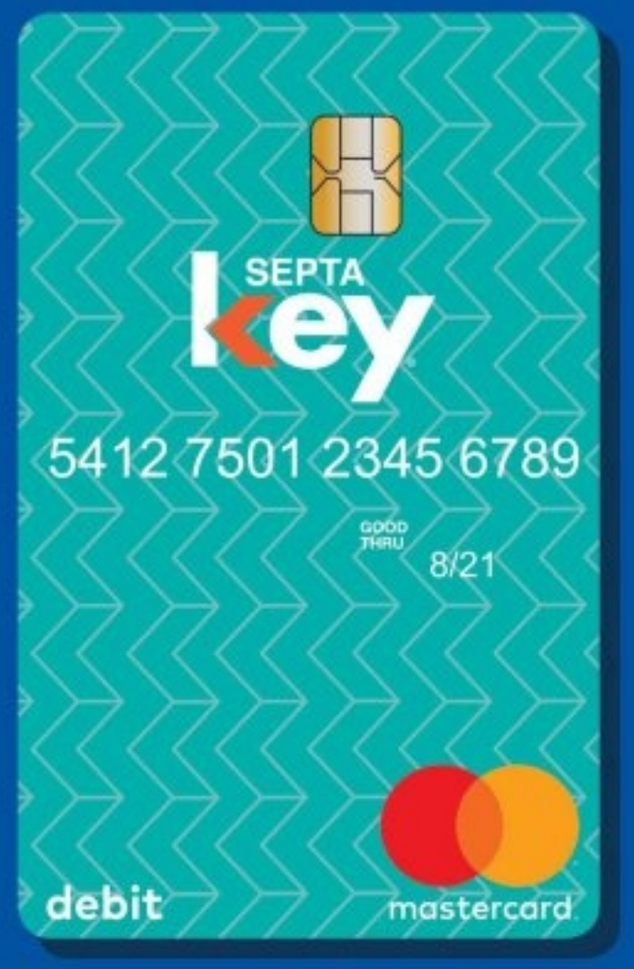

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